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Martin Sting, et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3651
Serial No.: 09/400,426	) Examiner: J. Dillon Jr.
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Title: CHARGING APPARATUS	

**AMENDMENT**

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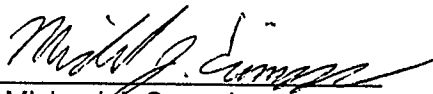
This preliminary amendment is filed to provide remarks in support of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed concurrently herewith.

**REMARKS**

It was noted that in the "Reasons for Allowance" stated by the Examiner that certain features were considered to be missing from the prior art references of record. Applicants request that the Examiner further consider the present application in view of those "Reasons for Allowance" and to consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

If the Examiner should have any questions, he is kindly urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

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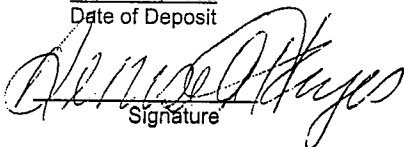
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